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Beaver Water District Board Elects New Officers, Awards Construction Contract

Earlier this year, Beaver Water District executed an engineering services agreement with Black & Veatch for the design of a chlorine dioxide facility. On Nov. 17, the Board of Directors for the District awarded the construction contract to build the facility to Archer Western Construction, LLC. Construction will begin in January 2012. In other news, the Board elected a new slate of officers, whose service begins on Jan. 1, 2012.

The chlorine dioxide facility will be located near the water intakes on Beaver Lake. It will take approximately 10 months to build and cost \$4.5 million.

“The need for the facility came about in order to ensure the District and its customer cities remain in compliance with the Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts (D/DBP) Rule,” said Alan D. Fortenberry P.E., CEO.

He added that compliance monitoring for the new regulation begins in October 2012. Systems nationwide must be in compliance with the Stage 2 D/DBP rule Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) at the end of a full year of monitoring. DBPs are chemical compounds that form in drinking water when chlorine or other disinfectants react with naturally occurring organic matter in the water.

“The District will be using chlorine dioxide instead of chlorine when we first treat the raw water as we draw it into pipes that carry the water from the lake to our treatment plant two miles away,” Fortenberry said. “Preliminary studies we’ve done at our pilot plant show that this change could result in as much as a 30 percent reduction in DBPs.”

New officers are as follows: Bill Watkins of Rogers, President; Chris Weiser of Springdale, Vice President; and Herb Hawkins of Avoca, Secretary-Treasurer.

Beaver Water District supplies drinking water to more than 300,000 people and industries in Fayetteville, Springdale, Rogers, Bentonville and surrounding areas. The District’s mission is to serve our customers’ needs by providing high quality drinking water that meets or exceeds all regulatory requirements and is economically priced consistent with our quality standards. For information, visit bwdh2o.org.